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SOVIET CHARGE D'AFFAIRES LOGINOV RPT LOGINOV CALLED ON LORD HOME THIS AFTERNOON TO HAND HIM COPY OF SOV SOVT'S OCTOBER 23 STATEMENT ON CUBA AND ON INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT BRIT GOVT WOULD DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO AVERT DEVELOPMENTS IN CUBA "WHICH COULD PUSH THE WORLD TO BRINK OF MIL CATASTROPHE." REASON OF NORTHERN DEPT WHO ATTENDED HOME HAS SHOWN EMBASSY IN CONFIDENCE UNCLEARED MEMO OF CONVERSATION. SUBSTANCE OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

FOREIGN SECRETARY TOOK EXTREMELY TOUGH LINE WITH LOGINOV STRESSING THAT IT WAS SOV INSTALLATION OF STRATEGIC MISSILES IN CUBA AND THE DECEPTIVE WAY IN WHICH THIS WAS DONE THAT CREATED THREAT TO THE PEACE AND UNTIL SUCH MISSILES WERE REMOVED THERE WAS LITTLE BRIT COULD DO TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION. HOME DISMISSED PARALLEL BETWEEN US RPT US MISSILES IN TURKEY AND SOVIET MISSILES IN CUBA DRAWN BY LOGINOV BY POINTING OUT THAT BALANCE OF POWER HAD BEEN RADICALLY UPSET BY SOVIET ACTION IN INSTALLING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN PART OF THE WORLD WHERE THEY HAD NEVER BEEN BEFORE.

LOGINOV MAINTAINED THAT IT WAS THE US RPT US ACTION WHICH REPRESENTED DANGER TO PEACE ESPECIALLY ITS DECLARED INTENTION TO INTERFERE WITH SHIPPING. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT BRIT WITH HER MARITIME EXPERIENCE WOULD SCARCELY

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[ WELCOME US RPT US BLOCKADE MEASURE. HOME REPLIED THAT WHILE LAWYERS WOULD DOUBTLESSLY ARGUE ABOUT BASIS FOR PARTIAL BLOCKADE IT WAS PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT ANY COUNTRY WAS ENTITLED TO TAKE MEASURES OF SELF DEFENSE. LOGINOV RETURNED TO THIS THEME SEVERAL TIMES DURING CONVERSATION BUT ON EACH OCCASION WAS FIRMLY REBUFFED BY FOREIGN SECRETARY. WHEN HOME REPEATED BRIT GOVT'S POSITION THAT NOTHING COULD BE DONE TOWARD ALLEVIATION OF SITUATION UNTIL REMOVAL OF SOV WEAPONS FROM CUBA, LOGINOV ASKED WHETHER HOME MEANT ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS AS WELL. HOME'S ANSWER TO THIS WAS THESE WERE PURELY DEFENSIVE WEAPONS AND IT WAS THE OFFENSIVE WEAPONS NOT RELATED TO THE DEFENSE OF CUBA WHICH HE HAD IN MIND. 2

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